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IDENTICAL LETTERS DATED 16 JUNE 1998 FROM THE PERMANENT  
REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED  
TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of the following:

1. At 11 a.m. on 1 June 1998, a patrol consisting of two United States military aircraft broke the sound barrier two consecutive times over the city of Tall Afar, Ninawa Governorate, in northern Iraq.
2. At 12.20 p.m. on the same day, a patrol consisting of two military aircraft also broke the sound barrier over the city of Tall Kayf, Ninawa Governorate, at very high speed, which caused damage to civilian buildings.
3. At 10.12 a.m. of the same day, a United States military aircraft dropped three heat flares over the Saddam dam area in Ninawa Governorate.

You are requested to intervene with the Government of the United States of America with a view to bringing a halt to these unjustified acts of aggression, which violate the Charter of the United Nations and the provisions of public international law and threaten the sovereignty and security of a State Member of the United Nations. In addition, these acts alarm the civilian population, particularly children, the elderly and the sick, and the dropping of heat flares and the breaking of the sound barrier over areas inhabited by civilians cause considerable damage to agricultural and other private property by shaking buildings and breaking windows, causing debris to fall on civilians.

I reaffirm Iraq's legitimate right to seek legal compensation, according to the principle of international liability, for the damage suffered by the State, its citizens and their property as a result of these acts.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

